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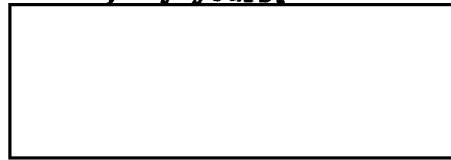
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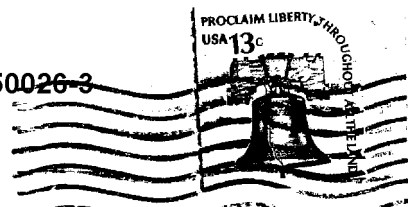
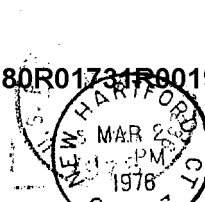
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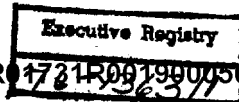
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cc: K. Wagner

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Remarks:

I neglected to send you an info copy of this last week when copies were sent to DDO, SDA, DDI & [redacted] is a former COS, [redacted] who retired recently. Am drafting a reply which will attempt to discourage him from his teaching project, stressing that we cannot be of help. Will coordinate this reply with you. [redacted]

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